

WO-196  
Burkhead House  
Berlin  
private

c. 1840, c. 1900

Standing at the intersection of Bay and Church streets in the heart of Berlin is this two-story frame house dating from two distinct periods. The rear two-story service wing is the oldest section with its beaded weatherboards and decorative bed molding dating from the second quarter of the nineteenth century. The distinctive swag motif, seen on other area houses, was accomplished with a drill and a chisel or gouge. Inside the first and second floor rooms retain exposed beaded joists. Around 1900 the front side hall parlor addition followed the prevailing tastes of the period with its corner tower and turn of the century woodwork. Both periods were prosperous times for the town of Berlin which are reflected in the prominent collections of structures from each era.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: BURKHEAD House

MHT Inventory Number: W0-196

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

2) Geographic Orientation:

Eastern Shore

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1815-1870 Agriculture - Industrial Transition

4) Resource Type(s):

1. Single-family dwellings  
on

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-196

Magi No. 2401965404

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common BURKHEAD HOUSE

## 2. Location

street & number 16 Bay Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town Berlin ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
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			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name David and Jackie Burkhead

street &amp; number 16 Bay Street telephone no.:

city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street &amp; number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1985 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Burkhead house, located at 16 Bay Street, stands at the intersection of Bay and Church streets in the center of Berlin, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay frame house faces northeast with the main gable oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Built in two principal stages, the front portion of the frame house dates to the turn of the twentieth century, while the two-story, two-bay rear wing was erected during the second quarter of the nineteenth century, probably around 1840. Supported by a minimal brick foundation, the house is sheathed with a combination of plain and beaded edge weatherboards. The beaded weatherboards are limited to the rear wing. Asphalt shingles cover the various roofs.

The northeast (main) facade is an asymmetrical two-bay elevation with a two-story polygonal tower rising on the northeast corner of the house. Covering the Bay Street side entrance and adjacent window opening is a flat roofed glassed in porch. Lighting the second floor are two unevenly spaced two-over-two sash windows. The adjacent tower is pierced by single-pane sash windows on each floor.

The gable ends are defined by two-over-two sash windows on each each floor, and the attic is lighted by small two-over-two sash windows as well. The eaves of each gable end are slightly extended. A patch in the east gable end roof indicates the former location of the chimney stack which was removed below the roof level.

The south side of the front block is largely covered by the two-story early nineteenth-century section which is also lighted by two-over-two sash windows on each floor. The first floor on the east side has been covered by a single-story enclosed shed room. Most noteworthy is the bed molding under the main cornice that follows a classical swag motif. Three bold gouges are interspersed with a circular drill pattern. It appears the roof of the older section was rebuilt when the front section was attached since the eaves are extended in the same manner as the front section. Two-over-two sash windows flank the interior end brick stack. The most recent addition to the south end of the house is a single story shed roofed porch erected around 1980.

The interiors have been changed through the years, but exposed beaded joists remain in the first and second floor rooms of the early nineteenth-century section. The original winder stair, part of which remains on the second floor, was removed from its original southwest corner location on the first floor. Surviving upstairs is a four-panel attic stair door and remnants of a plastered stair soffit. The front section is divided into a side hall/parlor plan with a turned baluster stair rising against the west wall. A turn of the twentieth-century mantel is fixed against the parlor chimney breast.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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**Specific dates****Builder/Architect**check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Burkhead house is an interesting frame dwelling that dates from two distinct periods, the early nineteenth century and the turn of the twentieth century. Both periods were prosperous times for the town which is reflected in the prominent collection of buildings from each era. The rear two-story service wing is the oldest section dating to around 1840. Distinctive period features include a classically inspired bed molding under the cornice that takes the form of stylized swags, beaded weatherboards, and series of exposed beaded joists on the first and second floors. The two-story side hall/parlor front section is a modest c. 1900 Queen Anne style addition that boasts a corner tower.



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. WO-196

## 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Worcester County	date	9/5/88
street & number	Worcester County Courthouse	telephone	632-1094
city or town	Snow Hill	state	MD 21863

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21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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state Maryland county Worcester

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☒ building(s)  
☐ structure  
☐ site  
☐ object**Ownership**☐ public  
☒ private  
☐ both**Public Acquisition**☐ in process  
☐ being considered  
☒ not applicable**Status**☒ occupied  
☐ unoccupied  
☐ work in progress**Accessible**☒ yes: restricted  
☐ yes: unrestricted  
☐ no**Present Use**☐ agriculture  
☐ commercial  
☐ educational  
☐ entertainment  
☐ government  
☐ industrial  
☐ military  
☐ museum  
☐ park  
☒ private residence  
☐ religious  
☐ scientific  
☐ transportation  
☐ other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name David and Jackie Burkhead

street &amp; number 16 Bay St.

telephone no.: 1-301-641-0211

city, town Berlin state and zip code Maryland 21811

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street &amp; number Market St. folio

city, town Snow Hill state Maryland

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The Burkhead house at the corner of Bay and Church St. is a 2½ story, wood frame dwelling with gable roof and brick foundation. The house is basically T-shaped, the two parts having been built at different times. The top of the T contains the principal facade and faces Bay street. A two story octagonal tower is located at the left or NE corner of the facade. Excepting the tower, this section is 2 bays across by 2 bays deep, the entrance being located in the right bay of the front facade, concealed by a one story enclosed porch extending from the tower across the front. Tower windows are 1/1; first floor windows are 1/1 with second floor windows being 2/2. This section has a boxed cornice and 6" weatherboards.

The rear section of the dwelling, forming the stem of the T, is also 2x2 bays with 2/2 windows. Its siding, in contrast to the other section, is 6' beaded weatherboards with a notable frieze board on the gable sides below a boxed cornice. The frieze board exhibits drilled swags alternating with a triglyph motif, similar to that of Kenwood (WO-77). Further evidence of this section's Federal construction was found in post and beam construction uncovered during renovation, as well as beaded rafters, painted floor board on the second floor.

A one story enclosed porch addition is located on the E. or Church St. side of the Federal section, as well as a 1984 rear addition extending across one bay of the S. facade.



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Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

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The Burkhead house is clearly linked to Berlin's Federal houses by the construction and details of design. Its evidence of fire damage in the rafters may further link it to one of Berlin's three fires, 1895, 1902, or 1904. The front section, not clearly datable, is however, an example of the kind of structures built in the town in the late 19th or early 20th century.

Of further interest is the discovery, during research by the owner, that this property was originally known as the pound of the Berlin Hotel.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jackie Burkhead / Page Hammond

organization Berlin Historic District Commission date January, 1986

street & number 313 S. Main Street

telephone 641-0733

city or town Berlin

state Maryland

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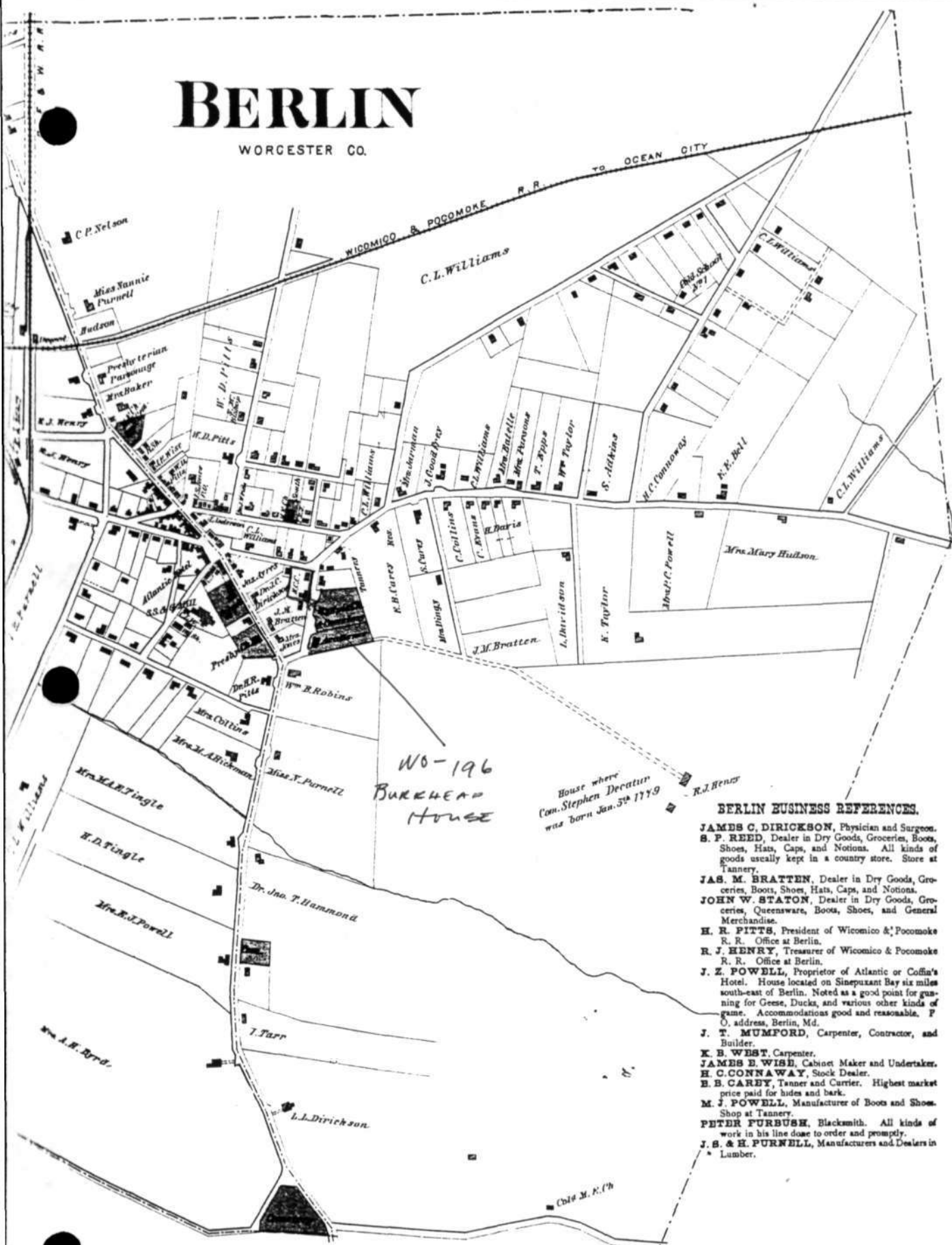
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WORCESTER CO.



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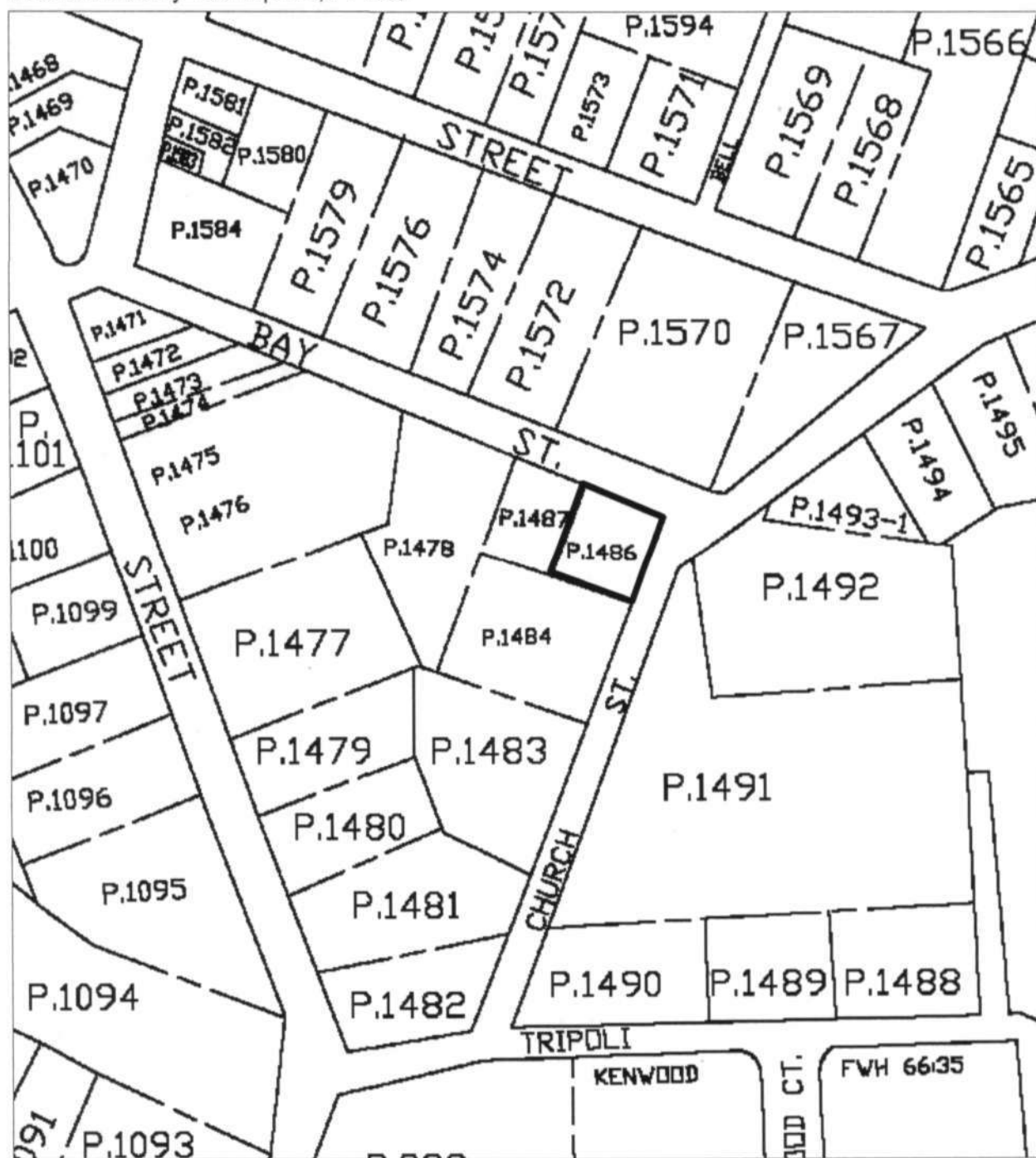
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**S. P. REED**, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, and Notions. All kinds of goods usually kept in a country store. Store at Tannery.  
**JAS. M. BRATTEN**, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, and Notions.  
**JOHN W. STATON**, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Queensware, Boots, Shoes, and General Merchandise.  
**H. R. PITTS**, President of Wicomico & Pocomoke R. R. Office at Berlin.  
**R. J. HENRY**, Treasurer of Wicomico & Pocomoke R. R. Office at Berlin.  
**J. E. POWELL**, Proprietor of Atlantic or Coffin's Hotel. House located on Sinepuxant Bay six miles south-east of Berlin. Noted as a good point for gunning for Geese, Ducks, and various other kinds of game. Accommodations good and reasonable. F. O. address, Berlin, Md.  
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**K. B. WEST**, Carpenter.  
**JAMES E. WISE**, Cabinet Maker and Undertaker.  
**H. C. CONNAWAY**, Stock Dealer.  
**B. B. CARRY**, Tanner and Currier. Highest market price paid for hides and bark.  
**M. J. POWELL**, Manufacturer of Boots and Shoes. Shop at Tannery.  
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Burkhead House (David Truitt House)

16 Bay Street, Berlin

Worcester County Tax Map 300, P. 1486





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BURKHEAD HOUSE  
Berlin, MD Quadrangle  
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BURKHEAD HOUSE NORTH  
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BAY ST. LOOKING WEST  
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HOUSE

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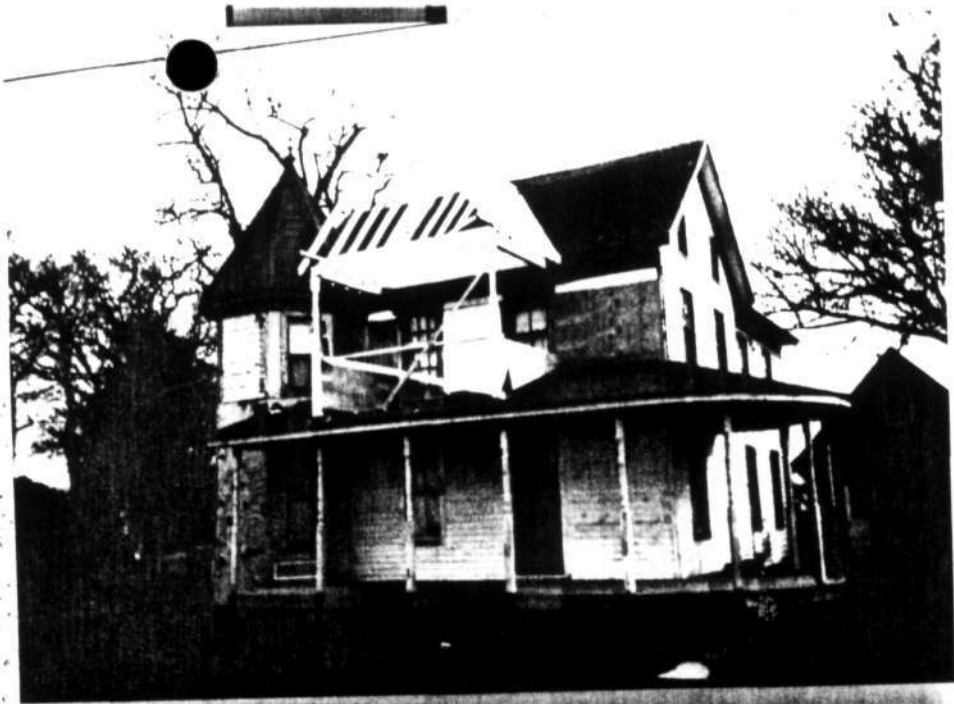
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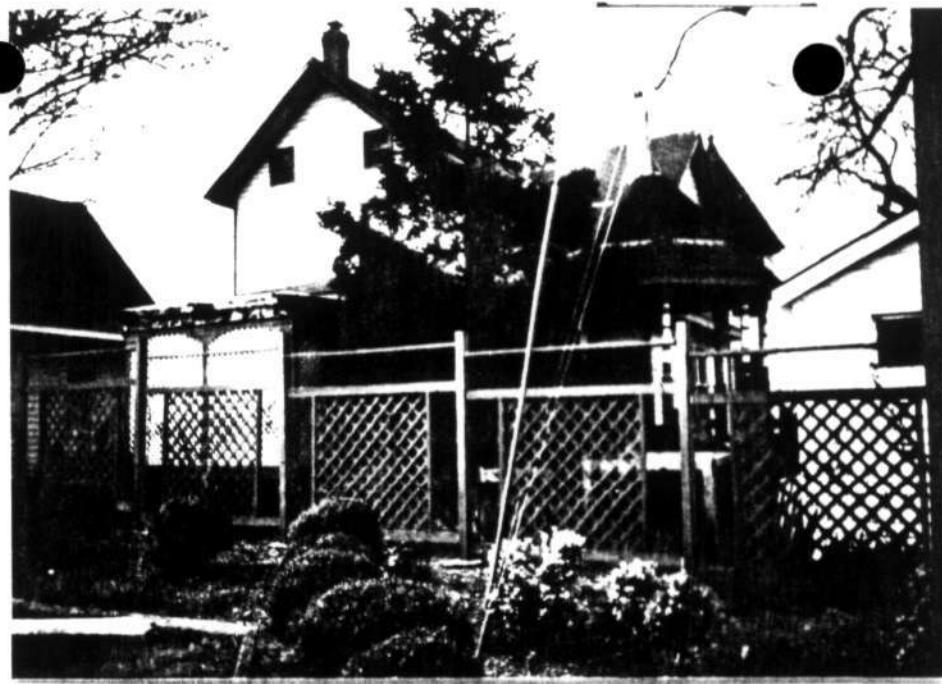
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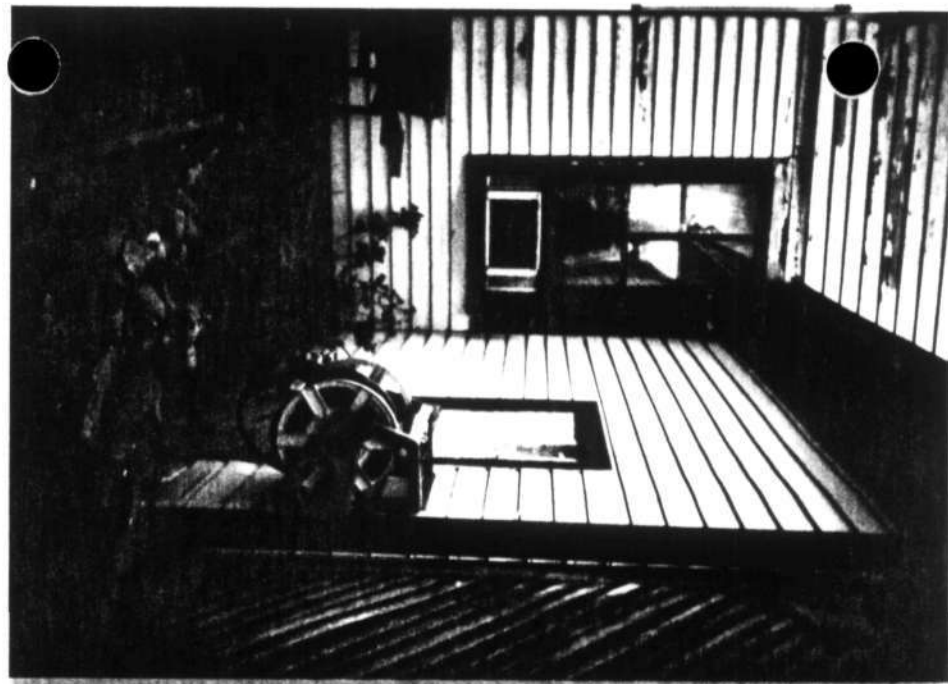


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REAR OF GARDEN SHED  
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LOOKING WEST. REAR OF  
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WORCESTER COUNTY  
JACKIE BURKHEAD

GARDEN SHED OF THE  
BURKHEAD HOUSE  
LOOKING EAST

16 BAY ST.

BERLIN, MD. 21811

GARDEN SHED HAS BEEN  
MOVED FROM THIS LOCATION

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WORCESTER COUNTY  
JACKIE BURKHEAD

FRONT OF WORKSHOP  
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HOUSE

16 BAY ST.

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BETWEEN WORKSHOP &  
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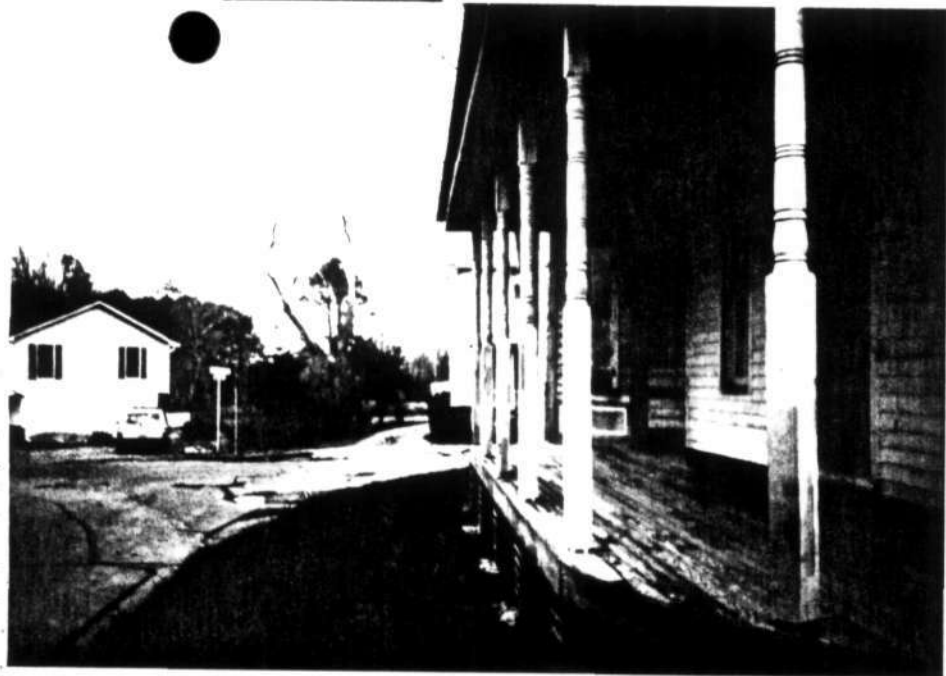
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